

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2014 - No.14

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS. Meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Meeting Room, normally on the third Tuesday of the month. Dates for the next meetings are: Tuesdays 17th June, 15th July, 19th August and 16th September 2014. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and raise matters of concern during the public session. If members want an item to be on the official agenda they should apply to the Clerk at least 8 days prior to the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The Parish Council is given the opportunity to comment on all planning applications within Heslington parish. Residents with concerns about or objections to any planning application are welcome to attend the public session to give us their views or to make their views known in advance of meetings by contacting the Clerk.

HESLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. In 2004 Heslington Residents produced the very impressive “Village Design Statement” which has been very effective in helping to control some of the many planning proposals submitted over the past 10 years. However the VDS is only an advisory document setting out the wishes of residents and it does not have statutory power. Neighbourhood Plans are being promoted as a part of the new planning regime and do have this statutory power and become part of the statutory development plan for the area and will therefore have far more weight than the VDS.

The Parish Council are proposing that a Neighbourhood plan should be submitted on behalf of the local community to include all of the parish except the Heslington West and Heslington East campuses – the same as the VDS. A steering committee is needed to move this forward and if anyone is interested in helping in any way with this vital community project then will they please contact the Parish Clerk.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. It may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development. It may deal with a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues (such as housing, employment, heritage and transport) or it may focus on one or two issues only. These may be issues that are relevant to the whole neighbourhood or just to part of the neighbourhood. This is for those producing the plan to decide.

A Neighbourhood Plan must comply with European and national legislation and must have appropriate regard to national policy and be in general conformity with existing strategic local planning policy. It cannot promote less development than that identified in the local plan (it cannot stop any new housing allocations proposed in the local plan). It can allow greater growth levels. Also, it can specify policies and guidance on how new development should be designed, orientated and located. Neighbourhood Plans can be a powerful tool in shaping the development of a neighbourhood. The foundations of a good Neighbourhood Plan will be a robust programme of community engagement and a strong, proportionate evidence base. These make sure that the plan

is based on a proper understanding of the area and of the views, aspirations, wants and needs of local people. The draft plan will be prepared with full local consultation at appropriate stages and the final plan will be subject to a public referendum.

CYC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN. Officers have now reviewed all the consultation responses, including submissions from landowners on further sites they wish to be considered for development. They've put forward some of these new potential sites, as well as a number of proposed amendments to existing sites, in a new 'Local Plan Further Sites' document. The proposals put forward in this document are expected to be consulted on for a six week period, which is due to commence imminently. During this consultation, the Council will only accept comments on the proposals within the 'Further Sites' document, but there will be another opportunity to comment on the Local Plan as a whole and the remaining sites later in the year and before the Plan is submitted to the Planning Inspectors for a public inquiry. A new proposal is the reservation of 28 hectares of land to the South of Low Lane for University expansion. The Whinthorpe site has been considerably extended but with more land for green landscaping. The PC will be repeating many of its earlier comments on the Whinthorpe proposal and it is important that residents individually write again to CYC to reiterate their feelings. James Irwin and Patrick James from Halifax Estates will be coming to the June PC meeting to discuss environmental and other issues on the proposed Whinthorpe site.

DAFFODILS AND DANDELIONS. The PC, after consideration, have proposed that in future the daffodils and grass verges in Main Street will be cut two weeks after flowering rather than 6 weeks as at present. This will reduce the vigour of the daffodils but should greatly reduce the number of dandelion seed heads which currently blow into adjacent gardens. Please let the Parish Clerk know your view on this matter - would you prefer more daffodils, less daffodils, spraying or strimming of dandelions and who will pay for the work. Your opinion will be welcome.

HESLINGTON OUTGANG SPORTSFIELD. The new Ball Wall has now been installed and is available for use by all. Some of the oldest play equipment has been removed. Improvements have also been made to the area around the pavilion. Plans for some new play equipment should be available soon and the committee propose to hold an open-day when these can be inspected and commented on before any fund-raising commences.

UNIVERSITY MATTERS. The University report that it is anticipated that admission figures will stay relatively stable in the short term. Student housing on Heslington West may decrease this year but the balance should be restored over the next few years. Student accommodation was also being provided by third-party providers and some 1500 bed-spaces were coming forward for use by any students in the city. This will impact on how the Universities provide accommodation for their students but there should be less pressure on the current family housing stock.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS and email addresses.

CITY OF YORK COUNCIL -	Main Number – 01904 55155	Respark free hotline –	0800 1381119
NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE –	(antisocial behaviour, dangerous parking): Tony Barge – PCSO 5557		
	tony.barge@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk	Non-Emergency Number –	101
Students Union Day Disturbance Hotline -			01904 433724
UNIVERSITY SECURITY HOTLINE –			01904 434444
CYC NOISE CONTROL			01904 551555
CYC Smarter York Officer –	suzanne.prance@york.gov.uk	-	01904 553101
York Hospital –			01904 631313
Heslington Football Club –	Laura Taylor –		07801 559628
Fulford Football Club –	Graham Souter - graham@pressgreen.com	-	01904 635365 or 07769 901914
Civil Service Association Cricket Club –	Jon Winfield –		01904 448796
Heslington Scout Group -	Andrew Eccles – www.heslingtonscoutgroup.org.uk		01904 413626
Heslington Brownies/Rainbows	Janet Owston -	j_owston@yahoo.co.uk	01904 410030
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